



AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 3 and ending at page 3, line 4 as follows:

Yet another object of the invention is to provide a cable cutter which has ~~with~~ enough mechanical advantage to cut Cardinal ACSR ~~cable but~~ cable, but which is also fast enough to cut 300 MCM copper cable.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 20, line 5 and ending at page 20, line 12 as follows:

The second end 205 of the base portion 198 of the speed pawl 196 rests against the plurality of teeth 138 of the second jaw 136. The fastener 206, which is connected to the speed pawl 196, is positioned in the slots 56 of the first portion 50 and the second portion 52 of the member 48 proximate to the first ~~second~~ end 203 of the speed pawl 196, with the speed pawl 196 being biased in this position by the spring 208. Because of the resting of the second end 205 of the speed pawl 196 against the plurality of teeth 138, along with the connection of the speed pawl 196 to the fastener 206 at the first end 203 of the speed pawl 196, the speed pawl 196 is positioned at a small angle relative to the top of the first and second portions 50, 52 of the member 48.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 24, line 7 and ending at page 24, line 15 as follows:

Unlike the opening of the levers 24, 36 as illustrated and described with reference to FIG. 4, the opening of the levers 24, 36 with reference to FIG. 6, does not force the speed pawl 196 to advance the blade 144 of the second jaw 136 toward the workpiece 22 and the blade 128 of the first jaw 114. Rather, the resistance of the workpiece 22 against the speed pawl 196 is greater than the spring force of the spring 208 against the speed pawl 196, thus the speed pawl 196 overcomes the spring force of the spring 208 and causes fastener 206 to move within the slots 56 of the first and second portions 50, 52 of the member 48 to a position proximate to the first end of the member 48. Thus the fastener 206 and, in effect, the speed pawl 196, simply oscillate against the spring 208 within the slots 56. Thus, the second end 205 of the base portion 198 of the speed pawl 196 simply idles against the plurality of teeth 138 of the second jaw 136, unable to advance the blade 144 of the second jaw 136 toward the workpiece 22 and the blade 128 of the first jaw 114.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 27, line 7 and ending at page 27, line 8 as follows:

It should be noted that the automatic blade return can be performed manually by the user physically switching the reverser 256. The reverser 256 can further be manually manipulated by an operator of the tool 20 in order to return the second jaw 136 from the closed position to the open position prior to the workpiece 22 being cut or crimped. It should further be noted that the drive pawl 232, and at least a portion of the speed pawl 196, are positioned inside the tool 20, protected by the triangular members 82, 92 and the member 48.